

## HOME, ITS PROBLEMS AND INTERESTS



A pretty house wrapper of pink albatross, trimmed with white lace insertion. A pink silk cord and tassels confine it at the waist.

## Striking Effects in the New Wall Papers in Panels and Solid Colors

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The most fastidious taste will find nothing at which to cavil in the new wall papers that are ready now for spring house decoration. While it is true that many of the patterns shown are rampant and riotous to a startling degree, the variety permits of a wide choice, to suit all rooms and every fancy. Indeed, wall papering has become a fine art, and this may be affirmed without exaggeration, for nothing more beautiful than the present designs could be done with brushes and color.

One is startled at first on being shown some of the heavier patterns—Aubrey Beardsley and Whistler combined would be put to the blush at their brilliant tones and quaint exaggeration of drawing. When it is explained, however, that these patterns are intended as panels, or to be used above a wainscoting of contrasting wood, one sees their artistic possibilities immediately.

**Birds of Paradise.**

One design shows birds of paradise in wildly assorted hues, perching upon exceedingly green trees, contemplating large bunches of gorgeous flowers. Now this may sound utterly impossible, when one thinks of covering four square walls with it and of waking up in the morning to such an outlook. It is, in fact, a hard paper to live with unless properly placed, but consider what the effect would be were one to have it paneled, using two inch wide molding for the purpose, and this in a room where ceiling and wainscoting are of white enamel.

Chintz curtains to match this and other patterns are to be had from a firm which makes a specialty of furnishings or house decoration.

Besides the chintz patterns, with their contrasty effects, are the cretonne papers in blends of soft coloring. These, too, have curtain material to match. Exquisitely dainty patterns on flesh and pale rose of cream ground show roses and other flowers in delicate pastel tones. These are liked for borders or bedrooms. The paper is run up to the picture molding, the ceiling being treated to match the pattern. The wall papers also are paneled effectively in a plaster molding, which takes a curved or festooned pattern at the top.

**Round Corners for Ceilings.**

Round corners for all ceilings are the present fashion. There are steel or iron frames which may be bought and attached to the wall, and then plastered over to gain this effect. Tapestry patterns, so popular for the last few seasons, are shown in great variety. An exquisite design in greens and gobelin blue, shows a "Gainsborough" park with a race and a stately tree which seem to be seen through a haze. Another paper of much attractiveness is an excellent example of perspective. The "scene" is a Holland garden with its Noah's ark trees and a conventional flower plot. This is shown in a number of colorings, the prettiest being exaggerated natural colors on a white ground. In combination with dull ebony wainscoting it would be most effective; while the same garden in dull greens, browns, and reds require white woodwork to bring out its beauty.

All sorts of odd things are being done with wood picture molding. For instance, in papering bathrooms the material is run diagonally across the ceiling from corner to corner. It is used also to cover the joints of the paper at the ceiling.

The new designs for bathrooms are specially attractive. The paper is made to look like tiling of the expensive sort. Polished cream colored grounds show seagulls in irregular flight across the wall, mosaic of blue and white defies detection, and flesh colored tones have the conventional fleur-de-lis on every other tile.

## EGGLESS PUDDINGS.

About this time when the hens are taking a rest in eggs the Chicago Tribune comes to the rescue with the following recipes for eggless puddings:

## Amherst Pudding.

Three cups sifted flour, two-thirds cup molasses, one cup milk, one cup suet chopped fine, one-half pound raisins, one-half nutmeg, one-half teaspoon ground cinnamon, one teaspoon soda, one-fourth teaspoon salt. Into the flour put the suet, raisins stoned and chopped, salt and spices. Add the molasses, then the milk, to which the soda previously dissolved in a little milk taken from the cupful, has been added. Steam three hours in a tin pudding boiler. If suet cannot be had, substitute one-half cup melted butter.

## Baked Indian Pudding.

One quart milk, scald one pint of it, and add one cup cornmeal, scant one-half teaspoon salt, and one-half teaspoon cinnamon, add the rest of the milk and bake two hours.

## Brown Betty.

Pound fine stale bread and slice fine a sufficient quantity of tart apples to fill a baking dish of the size desired. Put at the bottom a thin layer of bread crumbs, dot over this layer generously with bits of butter, then a thick layer of slices of apple sprinkled with cinnamon and sugar, then a layer of bread crumbs with the butter, another layer of apples with sugar and cinnamon, continuing alternately until the dish is filled to within an inch or two of the top, the last layer being composed of the crumbs and butter. Scant the layers of bread crumbs as they swell with the moisture. If the apples are not extremely juicy pour a little milk or water over the whole in order to moisten well. Bake an hour in a slow oven.

## Heirloom Indian Pudding.

This is a survival of the fittest, as it has been in use for more than fifty years, holding its place in spite of the competition of more modern dishes and always welcomed. Two tablespoons cornmeal, one cup milk, boil the milk and pour in the meal, then add one-half cup molasses, one pinch salt, one quart milk (cold), one heaping tablespoon butter dotted over the top in bits. Bake three hours in moderate oven.

## Pudding Sauce.

This is excellent for either "Brown Betty" or the "Amherst pudding." Beat the yolks of two eggs and one cup sugar together until light, add one-half gill boiling milk. Let this simmer, but not boil. When it has thickened a little remove from the fire, and when cool flavor with any essence desired. Add the whites of the eggs to a stiff froth, and add them to the sauce just before it is sent to the table.

## What Color When You Are Tired?

A theory has recently been advanced that every woman should have a black dress in her wardrobe to put on when she is tired or discouraged, and that the wearing of color at such a time not only adds to the general depression, but accentuates the tired lines that have crept into the face.

Such a theory must have been evolved by a man. For surely every woman realizes the necessity for putting on her most becoming color at those depressing times, and very few women's most becoming color is black.

## Candlesticks.

In spite of the countless varieties of gaslights and the beautiful and artistic metalwork of electric light chandeliers and table lights, there has always been a conservative attachment to the candlestick in all its varieties. It is a singular example of the innate tendency of everybody to cling to old forms. The flaring gas flame never lent itself, except in its present incandescent form, to very artistic treatment, but the electric light from the first showed its possibilities from a decorative as well as a useful point of view. As if to blot out the remembrance of gas altogether candlesticks of silver and of brass have been adapted with imitation candle flames and shades for the electric light. Fine brass hanging candleabra of old Dutch design have been fitted in this way in ballrooms. They have all the elegance of candles with the advantage that they do not drop wax on the dancers beneath.

## EXTENT OF CHRISTENDOM.

"Christianity is now the prevailing religion of the world," says the Church Economist, which continues: "Its adherents, according to Dr. Roberts, amount to 477,000,158. The next religious faith in point of numbers is Confucianism with 256,000,000 adherents. Hinduism is third with 150,000,000 and Mohammedanism fourth with 116,834,372. Buddhism is given 147,000,000. The various faiths count up only 118,129,470. This is on the basis of a population of the globe of 1,430,000,000. In other words, the adherents of Christianity comprise just about one-third of the world's population."

## THE WOOING IN EDEN.

"Wilt be my wife," said Adam, "Under the fig tree of heaven, Under the heat of noonday, Under the skies of even?" "I will!" said the late created, With ardor in her glances; "Under all those I will be it, And—under the circumstances!" —New Orleans Times-Democrat.

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## GORGEOUS EVENING WRAP.

For opera or theater wear the exclusive shops are showing stunning creations of ermine and chiffon. A set worthy of description has a stole made of two bands of ermine, between which is a double puffing of pink chiffon and bordered on bottom with a deep ruffle of accordion plaited chiffon. The long tabs have deep pink silk frings on ends.

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## USEFUL AND DECORATIVE THINGS FOR A COLLEGE MAN

That a Girl Can Easily Make for His Room for a Birthday, Valentine, Christmas, or Easter Gift.

There are always times when girls wish to give college men something for their rooms. A birthday comes along or Easter, or girls have been entertained at tea in college rooms, and to return the courtesy with a souvenir of a guest is a desire that enters the heart of almost every girl.

But when it comes to a selection of something suitable her trouble begins. There is no use giving a college man something he can not use, for it will just be thrown aside. She who is puzzled will get most practical suggestions from the Columbia College room that is shown in Robert Edison's play, "Strong Heart."

## A Novel Article.

One of the most novel that catches the observation is a photograph holder made of the college colors. It is about four feet long and eight inches wide, formed by two long strips of light blue and white brocade overlapping. Across it at intervals of about ten inches are pockets three inches deep, each made of the same brocade. The case is tacked to the wall by a rosette of blue and white. For a Princeton man the colors would be orange and black, and a Yale man of course would have blue. Plain satin might be used instead of brocade.

## Dishes Often Necessary.

That college men are constantly giving small and select teas is quite well known to every girl, but she does not always remember when wanting to give something for his room that dishes are necessary for tea. This is emphasized in "Strong Heart," where even the toilet stand pitcher is called into requisition, and is more fact than fiction. Teacups, plates, quaint spoons, dishes for sandwiches or cakes are not amiss as gifts, and some china has decorations that would preclude the thought of being for a "pink tea."

## Acceptable Cushions.

A thing which every girl can make herself is a chair cushion. Not the embroidered kind at which the masculine

mind scoffs, but one of leather. Mission furniture or other heavy types abound in college rooms, and even for "team" backs they may be safely softened. These cushions should be made of oiled or other soft leathers, to be had by buying the whole skin. They are cut almost square and are the size of the chair seat and back. They are stuffed with hair or down to the thickness of not more than two inches. Leather tabs should be put at the corners by which to fasten the cushions.

## Rich Furnishings.

There is always a desk to be furnished, and if a girl has sufficient sentiment to wish to make something, she can keep her gift quite on the masculine order. Letter racks of wood may be bought and covered with fine French tapestry pasted on and finished with a narrow gilt braid. A portfolio cover of soft leather is also serviceable and not too "nice," and a clock in a case is not as expensive as it sounds. A clock that will keep good time may be bought for \$2, and the case may be made of light wood just large enough to admit the clock through the front, which should have a hinged door. The case should then be covered either with leather or tapestry, a handle of the material being put across the top.

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